

Torrance, California
August 11, 1936

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday evening, August 11, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the minutes of July 28, 1936 and August 4, 1936 were approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the County Auditor's office, setting forth the valuations for the coming year.

Communication from the Veterans' Cooperative Unit 244, inviting the Council to their program to be held August 13th. Mayor Stanger requested that as many as possible attend.

Communication from the Torrance Fire Department recommending additional fire hydrants in the Walteria district.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the Metropolitan Water District asking if the City Council wished to pay out of its municipal funds all or any portion of the amount of the Metropolitan Water District tax.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Metropolitan Water District be notified that the City Council does not elect to pay all or any portion of the amount of the tax, which would otherwise be levied upon property within the city for the fiscal year 1936-37. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the League of California Municipalities regarding fares and accommodations in connection with the convention to be held in Santa Monica.

Communication and resolution from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, requesting Southern California cities to participate in national air races to be held in Los Angeles, September 4 to 7 inclusive.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, this matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce for consideration.

Quotation from Myers Electric Supply Company on lamps.

Proposed contract from Torrance Electric Shop, quoting lamp prices.

Councilman McGuire moved that the contract be awarded to the Westinghouse Lamp Co., through its agents, the Torrance Electric Shop. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Request from the insurance inspector, recommending certain changes conducive to safety in the auditorium.

Councilman Tolson moved that the suggested changes be made. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year.

Mayor Stanger suggested that the amount to take care of the Lomita lighting refund be raised to \$1000.00 (which would deduct \$600.00 from the unallocated fund).

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the budget be approved, with the suggested change. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 286

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES AND LEVYING
TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1936

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 286 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1021

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF
SIDEWALKS ON TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND ELDORADO
AVENUE, AND APPROPRIATING THE COST THEREOF

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1021 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1022

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING REFUND OF \$1341.00 TO LOS
ANGELES COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER IN CONNECTION
WITH IMPROVEMENT OF CABRILLO AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1022 be adopted.
Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire,
Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUN-
CILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1023

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA TO ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$4050.00 OUT
OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAYS
WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE
BOULEVARD AND INTERSECTION OF 190TH STREET AND
WESTERN AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1023 be adopted.
Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire,
Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUN-
CILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1024

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1124.10 TO PETLEY
AND MATCHAM ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 10, P.W.A. PROJECT
NO. 1174-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1024 be adopted. Coun-
cilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the fol-
lowing roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell,
Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$2235.10
TO SAM LEVY ON CONTRACT NO. 2, PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
HALL BUILDING, P.W.A. PROJECT NO. 1174-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1025 be adopted.
Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the fol-
lowing roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell,
Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1026

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$675.50 TO SIMPSON
SCENIC STUDIO, CONTRACT NO. 3, P.W.A. PROJECT 1174-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1026 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1027

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING REFUND OF \$170.10 TO
FRED W. WEBER

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1027 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1028

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING REFUND OF \$40.00 TO T.J. NESTOR

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1028 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the complaint received about the road in McDonald Tract had been taken care of.

Councilman Hitchcock asked if arrangements were being made regarding lights in the McDonald Tract. Mayor Stanger stated that they are awaiting action by the Edison Company.

Mr. R. L. Thomas requested permission to serve soft drinks in the kitchen of the Auditorium during his dances, it being understood that they would not be taken out onto the dance floor and that the kitchen would be left clean and in order.

Councilman McGuire moved that this request be granted, providing the above conditions are fulfilled. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rose applied for the exclusive concession of a public address system in the Municipal Park.

Mr. Grover Whyte, of the Torrance Herald, said that some of the Torrance merchants have complained about San Pedro merchants being advertised over the public address systems being used at the Park during ball games.

After some discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the Police Department be instructed to collect the usual business license of \$12.00 per year (as per Section 13, Ordinance No. 235) for all persons making a business of broadcasting in the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Day asked if a suitable trophy could be furnished for the championship team of the Torrance Short Baseball League.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$25.00 be appropriated to grant this request. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger stated that a committee from South Torrance had called on him in regard to the lighting refund and that he believed it was a moral obligation on the part of the City of Torrance to refund the duplicate payments made in 1931-32, 1932-33 and 1933-34, and not just for the one year as provided in Resolution No. 1017, passed by the City Council on July 28, 1936.

Attorney Rippy then presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1029

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING REFUND OF LIGHTING
TAXES OVERPAID BY TAXPAYERS IN SOUTH TORRANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1931-32 and 1932-33

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1029 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger stated that the Fire Department needs 1000 feet of 2-1/2" American hose to replace the hose on the three trucks.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the appropriation be made for this fire hose. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Street Superintendent asked for the old fire hose, to be used for flushing purposes, when the new hose is delivered.

Mayor Stanger reported that the men operating the hog ranch on 182nd Street had been delayed in their moving from that place on account of the difficulty in securing a cement contractor, but that they expected to be out by August 25, at which time they desired to move to a new location in Torrance.

The Mayor stated that it will sometime be desirable to equip the Auditorium for banquets, for boxing and wrestling matches, et cetera, which would mean the necessity of a store room in which to keep the equipment.

After a brief discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the City Engineer be instructed to draw up plans for a store room, to be constructed of cement, or of steel and cement, and to be 30 x 50 feet in area, the approximate cost to be \$4800.00, this room to adjoin the Civic Auditorium. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that warrants be drawn and all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:45 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, August 18, 1936 at 4:30 P.M.

A. H. Banters
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Stanger
Mayor of the City of Torrance.